COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The Model Code of Conduct has never been withdrawn during elections.

(b) to (d) The Model Code of Conduct for elections has been framed by the Election Commission. It has been evolved by the Election Commission of India in consultation with the political parties. The principles enunciated in the said Code are addressed to the political parties and the 'Party in Power'. The issues relating to the Code are pending before the Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition [SLP (Civil) No. 2272497]. The Government is also having discussions with the Election Commission of India on matters requiring resolution on certain aspects of the Code.

Rotation of Constituencies reserved for SC&STs

3199. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision about delimitation of constituencies and rotation of constituencies reserved for SCs and STs as election reforms measure; and

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Government is considering to seek extension of the current constitutional embargo on undertaking fresh delimitation of constituencies for the purpose of allotment of seats up to the year 2026 A.D. The Government is also considering rationalization of territorial constituencies, without altering the number of seats allotted to each State in the House of the People as well as in the Legislative Assemblies so as to remove the imbalances caused due to uneven growth of population/electorate in different constituencies. There is, however, no proposal, at present, to carry out fresh delimitation for the purpose of rotating constituencies of SCs and STs.